



## February 2024

This monthly e-newsletter is designed to keep families of our students informed on what is happening at Marietta College and to celebrate the accomplishments of our Pioneer community.



### MC shares ambitious strategic plan

Marietta College has announced a new strategic plan — *Marietta Forward* — that will guide the College into the future, according to President Dr. Margaret L. Drugovich. The plan was approved by the Board of Trustees after an extensive strategic planning process.

*Marietta Forward* focuses on supporting Marietta students, strengthening current academic programs, developing new programs for graduate and non-

traditional students, including programs that address workforce development needs, and creating an inclusive campus culture.

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## **Emeritus Trustee makes generous \$500k donation**

Marietta College recently received a generous \$500,000 donation from Emeritus Trustee Joe Chlapaty H'10 and his wife, Linda, to support student recruitment and learning experiences.

The donation will provide funding for recruitment efforts, student support services, and student experiences over the coming months as the College prepares to welcome new students in Fall 2024.

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# CAMPUS CALENDAR

## 2024-25 FAFSA® open for filing

The 2024-25 FAFSA® is open for filing, and we encourage you to file so that your eligibility for federal student aid and state aid can be established. File the [FAFSA® online](#) for the quickest filing.

However, because of ongoing issues, the US Department of Education does not expect to start sending FAFSA® data to schools until mid-March. We cannot assess eligibility for federal student aid until such data is received and has been reviewed and, if necessary, verification is performed. Further, states cannot assess eligibility for their state grant programs until they receive such data as well.

We encourage you to access programming content on filing the FAFSA® from various resources. A list of such is [available on Marietta College's website](#).



MARIETTA COLLEGE

## Day of Giving

February 14, 2024

## President offers Day of Giving student challenge

Marietta College's eighth annual [Day of Giving](#) begins at midnight on February 14, and current students have many reasons to join The Long Blue Line in showing their love this year.

Among the 16 featured projects, there are two that are sponsored by students: SGA is working with Aunt Flow to combat period poverty on campus, and the Big Blue Thrift Store is seeking donations to expand their operations and continue providing hands-on experience to students working on the project.

Not only that, but President Drugovich has offered a special challenge to the community: for every current student who makes a gift (no matter the amount),

she will donate an additional \$50 to The Marietta Fund, up to \$5,000. While the big event doesn't officially start until February 14, you or your student can make an early gift and help spread the word by visiting <https://www.givecampus.com/pfruwi today>.

Thank you for joining us as we celebrate our love for MC!



## **MC opens opportunities for Biochemistry student**

The complexity of Organic Chemistry often leads students to reconsider their choice of major and future career. Kennedy Couch '24 knows that feeling all too well, but not in the way you are thinking.

"I originally planned to go into optometry, but then I got into O Chem and even Anatomy, and I thought, 'I love this. Why not keep going for it?'" says Couch, who plans to attend medical school in the fall.

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Lindy—I, Pioneer

## I, Pioneer!

At Marietta College, our pioneers have the knowledge, passion, and courage to pursue change for the greater good, make a difference in the lives of others, and pave the way for future generations. This month, we feature Lindy Nester PA'09.





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